

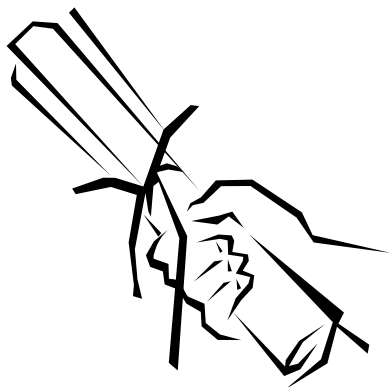
## Revised Standardized High School Transcript

Information on the revised Standardized High School Transcript may be found at the State Board Web site under "Graduation Requirements" in the middle of the home page ([www.sbe.wa.gov](http://www.sbe.wa.gov)).

A student's transcript shall include a notation of whether the student has earned a certificate of individual achievement or a certificate of academic achievement. (ESSB 6475 2006 Session).

Included in the information is the following:

- Developers'/Users' Guide.  
[www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/devguide2005.pdf](http://www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/devguide2005.pdf)
- Samples of the new transcript.  
[www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/1503sample.pdf](http://www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/1503sample.pdf)
- Frequently Asked Questions.  
[www.sbe.wa.gov/faq\\_pages/Transcriptfaqs.htm](http://www.sbe.wa.gov/faq_pages/Transcriptfaqs.htm)



## More Information

For complete and in-depth information regarding high school graduation requirements please visit the Washington State Board of Education Web site at:

[www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.htm](http://www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.htm)

Also, check the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for more information on graduation requirements, high school transcript, and other areas pertaining to Washington schools at:

[www.sbe.wa.gov/faqs.htm](http://www.sbe.wa.gov/faqs.htm)

## Other Resources

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

[www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us)

WA Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB)

[www.hecb.wa.gov](http://www.hecb.wa.gov)

WA State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)

[www.sbctc.ctc.edu](http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu)

WA Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB)

[www.wtb.wa.gov](http://www.wtb.wa.gov)

Washington State Legislature

[www1.leg.wa.gov](http://www1.leg.wa.gov)



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## Key Laws and Rules

### Revised Code of Washington (RCW)

#### RCW 28A.150.210—Basic Education Act: Goal

"The goal of the Basic Education Act ... shall be to provide students with the opportunity to become responsible citizens, to contribute to their own economic well-being and to that of their families and communities, and to enjoy productive and satisfying lives."

#### RCW 28A.230.120—High School Diplomas

"(1) School districts shall issue diplomas to students signifying graduation from high school upon the students' satisfactory completion of all local and state graduation requirements. Districts shall grant students the option of receiving a final transcript in addition to the regular diploma."

### Washington Administrative Code (WAC)

Chapter 180-50 WAC—Courses of Study and Equivalencies

Chapter 180-51 WAC—High School Graduation Requirements

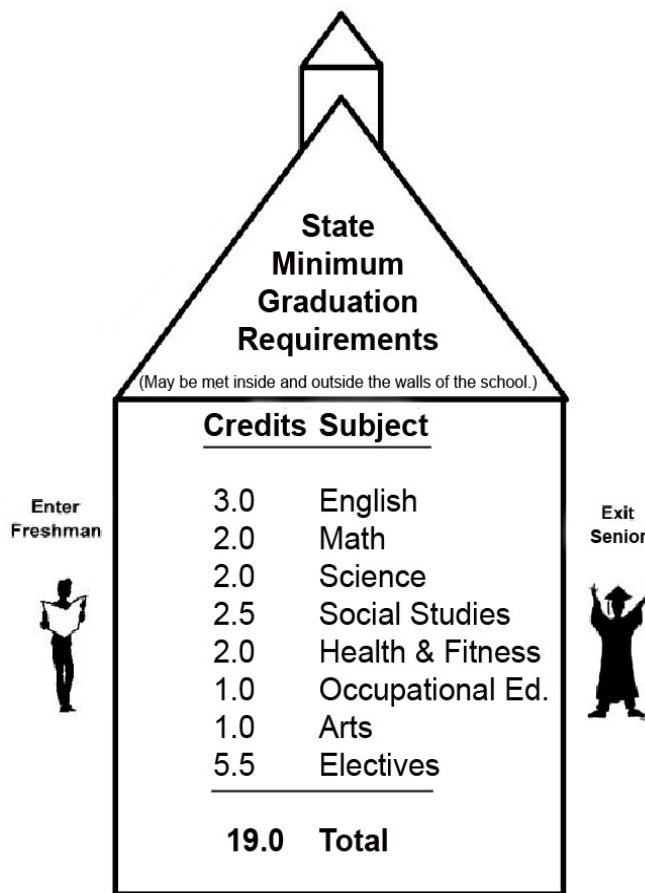
Chapter 180-57 WAC—Secondary Education Standardized High School Transcript

A link to these rules may be found on the SBE Web site under "Policies" ([www.sbe.wa.gov](http://www.sbe.wa.gov)).



## State Minimum Graduation Requirements: 19 Credits

- Revised state minimum high school graduation requirements were implemented beginning with the ninth grade class of 2004–05 (graduating Class of 2008).



Note: All State Minimums set by SBE except for two set by Legislature: Certificate of Academic Achievement, and study of Federal and Washington State Constitutions.

- School districts retain authority to establish graduation requirements in addition to minimums set by the State Board of Education.

## State Minimum Non-Credit Graduation Requirements:

### Culminating Project

Each student shall complete a culminating project for graduation. This project consists of students demonstrating both their learning competencies and preparations related to learning goals three and four. ([www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/EALR\\_GLE.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/EALR_GLE.aspx))

### High School and Beyond Education Plan

Students shall have an education plan for their high school experience, including what they expect to do the year following graduation. Districts shall adopt a policy to implement this graduation requirement.

### Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA)

This requirement takes effect beginning with the graduating class of 2008. The CAA is earned by passing the high school Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) in reading, writing, and mathematics (science added in 2010), or other options approved by the 2006 Legislature.

### Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA)

This requirement may be obtained by special education students: "who are not appropriately assessed by the high school Washington assessment system." If a student is eligible for and receiving special education services and cannot show competency at the 10<sup>th</sup> grade standards level, an IEP team determines what other alternative assessments are appropriate in order to obtain a CIA.

## Brief Highlights

- Occupational Education**—This one credit graduation requirement was redefined in 2000 (WAC 180-50-300 and WAC 180-51-061). That redefinition carries forward.
- Health and Fitness**—The former two-credit graduation requirement in physical education is changed to two credits in Health and Fitness.
- One of the required 19 credits shall be in the **Arts**, which may be satisfied in the visual or performing arts. This credit may not be substituted.